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MOX Services Earns OSHA's Top Safety Designation

AIKEN, S.C., March 13, 2013 – As it constructs the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, Shaw AREVA MOX Services has earned Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star status from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The OSHA VPP program recognizes excellence in worksite safety and health management. MOX Services earned Star VPP designation, the highest of three program classifications.

The qualification process for VPP included a comprehensive audit of the MOX facility in safety, health, training and operations programs as well as a rigorous on-site evaluation by OSHA safety and health experts.

"We are honored to be recognized by OSHA for demonstrating safety excellence," said Kelly Trice, president and chief operating officer of MOX Services. "By engaging every member of the MOX team to identify and prevent potential safety hazards, our goal is to continuously improve our health and safety program."

The VPP program recognizes facilities that have implemented effective safety and health management systems and have maintained injury and illness rates below the national Bureau of Labor Statistics average for their industry.

"You have joined an elite group of organizations that provide exemplary occupational safety and health protection and serve as models for others," David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for OSHA, said in a congratulatory letter. "OSHA has learned that this approach to worker protection can save lives, reduce injuries and illnesses and promote cooperation and communication in the workplace."

MOX Services has a comprehensive safety management system that combines management leadership, employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control as well as safety and health training. The MOX project's OSHA recordable injury rate is less than half the typical Department of Energy construction project and one-sixth the average for heavy construction.

Last month the project achieved a new safety record by surpassing 14 million consecutive safe work hours without a lost workday due to injury.

Shaw AREVA MOX Services, LLC has a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to design, build and operate a facility to convert surplus nuclear weapon-grade plutonium into reactor fuel for use in commercial nuclear power plants. This work supports NNSA's nuclear nonproliferation program to eliminate nuclear weapon-grade plutonium in the U.S. Under a 2000 agreement, the United States and Russia will dispose of 68 metric tons of surplus plutonium, sufficient for approximately 17,000 nuclear weapons. For more information, visit www.moxproject.com.

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